

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 514 - HB 724

February 8, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (003494): Requires a person seeking the office of constable to file with the county election commission a letter from a licensed psychologist who has conducted a cognitive and psychological test on the candidate stating that the candidate is mentally and cognitively fit to perform the duties of a constable. Requires the same letter to be filed with the county clerk prior to the election if the person is seeking to fill a vacancy in the office of constable through election by the county legislative body. Exempts constables in office on and elected prior to July 1, 2023. Specifies that candidates are responsible for covering the costs of testing.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation specifies that the candidate is responsible for covering the costs of testing; therefore, there will be no increase in expenditures to local governments related to cognitive and psychological evaluations.
- It is assumed that county election commissions and county clerks can accept and file letters in the normal course of business utilizing existing resources.
- Any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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